

UTAH EDUCATION ROADMAP

Strategic investments that would produce significant returns for Utah

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ON PACE TO BE A

TOP TEN STATE IN 10 YEARS



POLICY PRIORITY AREAS

***"What works?"** Through a year-long process which built upon the work of the Utah Legislature and other education stakeholders — including presentations on research and best educational practices — the following Policy Priority Areas were identified. Targeted investments in these key initiatives would produce significant returns for the state.*

1.
Ensure Early Learning

2.
Strengthen and Support Teachers

3.
Ensure Access and Equity

4.
Complete Certificates and Degrees

BENCHMARKS for Top 10 status

INDICATOR	GOAL
3 rd Grade Reading	90% of students proficient
8 th Grade Math	90% of students proficient
College and Career Ready Courses	50% of HS students earning at least 6 college or career credits
ACT Math Readiness Benchmark	50% of students meeting benchmark
High school graduation	90% graduation rate
Postsecondary enrollment	75% enrollment w/in 5 years
Awards completed each year in the Utah System of Higher Ed.	Increase annual attainment of awards to at least 37,500 in 2020
Awards completed each year in the Utah College of Applied Technology	Increase annual attainment of awards to at least 9,500 in 2020



66% of the Utah adult population with a postsecondary certificate or degree by 2020

Utah will be a Top 10 State in:

- Grade 4 and 8 Reading and Math Scores (NAEP)
- High School graduation rate
- ACT Scores (Among states that test all students)
- Postsecondary Completions (Awards per FTE student)

goal:

Increase educational achievement and attainment for every learner at each level of the education system.

ENSURE EARLY LEARNING

- Increase outreach and leverage additional resources to promote the importance of early learning by supporting parents as a child's first teacher and coordinating partnerships among other entities who serve infants and preschoolers.
- Increase or expand early learning programs for at-risk, economically disadvantaged, and students in intergenerational poverty including voluntary high-quality preschool and expanded kindergarten programs.



STRENGTHEN & SUPPORT EDUCATORS



- Invest in educators by building their capacity to serve, increasing professionalism, and providing a level of compensation needed to recruit and retain quality educators.
- Implement state teacher education program changes that will increase alignment between public and higher education.
- Support high-quality professional learning opportunities for educators and leaders in both public and higher education which include embedded opportunities for collaboration, observation, coaching, mentoring, and reflective practice.
- Support extended contracts and additional career pathways which promote collaboration and professional learning time, and provide distributed leadership opportunities.

ENSURE ACCESS & EQUITY

- Maintain a consistent commitment to securely analyze demographic and academic data, and use the data to inform policy and practice as it reveals inequities in access and outcomes in education.
- Support community partnerships and initiatives that remove barriers to learning for at-risk students.
- Increase targeted outreach and advising to students and their parents in all levels of the educational system to address gaps in knowledge about financial aid, the college application process, college readiness, and career options.
- Provide that increases in state scholarships to higher education be prioritized on a financial needs basis.



COMPLETE CERTIFICATES & DEGREES

- Support innovative approaches and partnerships between K-12 and higher education, such as additional school counselors and postsecondary advising corps deployed in middle and high schools, and outreach programs designed to help parents navigate postsecondary programs with their students.
- Support the use of technology and information to help students and their parents explore post-secondary options, including certificates, degrees, and career information.
- Continue to leverage and facilitate partnerships with business/industry and education partners to create additional work-based learning opportunities.
- Support increased funding to postsecondary institutions to keep tuition low, encourage completion, and increase needed student supports.
- Support specific tactics in the recently-updated USHE and UCAT strategic plans to increase persistence and completion.

PLANNING PROCESS

Guidance from
the Governor

Revise
Strategic
Plans

Gather
Evidence and
Stakeholder
Input

Statewide
Education Plan
Foundation

Develop
Budget

Finalize
Statewide
Plan

Communicate
the Plan

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